

COUNCIL BODY IS AWARE OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Finance Committee to Take Full and Serious Cognizance of Situation.

MAY INCREASE THE TAX RATE

Members Express Hope City's Salary List and Expense Account May Be Maintained at Minimum—Admit Situation Is Serious.

That the Finance Committee of City Council will take full and serious cognizance of the city's financial situation, was indicated last night, when the committee discussed at some length the statement issued by Mayor Ainslie, in which he set forth the suggestion that it might be necessary to make a slight increase in taxes for the coming year.

Members of the committee expressed the hope that the city's salary list and expense account might be maintained at a minimum.

The committee looked upon the situation as most serious, although no thought of calamity was expressed. This was made apparent when the committee recommended a resolution directing the comptroller to continue the various salary lists after January 1, as of the amount subscribed to each employee during the current year. This means that Comptroller Coffey will not have authority to pay any employee more than the amount budgeted for him.

Under the resolution, pay all salaries which might be increased automatically, there being such contingencies in the Fire and Police Departments, but that all other salaries must be as of the present date.

Hope for Early Action.

The committee expressed the desire that the Mayor and the advisory board "brush up" in the formation and presentation of the budget, so that it might be acted upon early in the year. It was pointed out that not before May of last year was the document in condition for action by Council.

A number of propositions entailing appropriations were tabled until more data is available. One of these papers was that providing for the sum of \$12,000 for improvements to Monument Avenue, extended from Monument Road to the corporation line. The main cause for the delay in action on this matter is the absence of definite information as to the dedication of cross streets in the section. Members expressed themselves as being willing to take the question up seriously as soon as this problem is solved.

The committee recommended an ordinance designed to simplify the collection and the payment of special tax assessments. The document is introduced by Comptroller Coffey, and was advocated by Councilman Phillips, who explained clearly the various attractive features in the paper.

Go to Budget Committee.

A resolution providing for \$15,000 for marking streets was referred to the Budget Committee, and a resolution providing for funds for lighting Lee Monument, as recommended by Alderman W. Stewart White, was forwarded to Director Trafford for recommendation.

Other papers recommended for adoption were: placing A. J. Roach on the supernumerary list; paying Dr. P. M. Chichester for expenses incurred in an automobile accident while he was engaged in the city's business; authorizing the comptroller to pay current bills pending the adoption of the budget; authorizing the settlement of a judgment in favor of the traction company; widening Twenty-fifth Street between Nimitz and I Street.

A paper in reference to an appropriation for opening and widening Belmont Avenue from Broad Street to Monument Avenue was tabled so that a similar paper relating to the widening of West Street from Broad Street to Monument Avenue can be prepared.

The committee will meet next week to take up the budget and to consider the question of the proposed building for the juvenile court.

POLICEMAN RESIGNS

Baltimore Cop, Who Aids in Finding McKinnis, Quits.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 29.—Policeman William D. Burroughs, who was found "suspicious" on the water front several days ago, and whose resignation was accepted by the police chief, has been discharged.

Mr. Burroughs, who was a member of the police force for many years, had been discharged and rehired several times in the past.

Comptroller Coffey charged that Burroughs' story was a frame-up, and that he was an imitative of other men who had been charged with taking a bribe in a case of infanticide.

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"Uncle Joe" Cannon Has "Quit" Smoking

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon has quit smoking—again.

Societies for suppression of smoking among men and women may find little comfort, however, in this announcement, for Uncle Joe quits every now and then.

"Don't you think you ought to give up those cigars?" the doctor said the other day, meeting the former Speaker of the House.

"Sure," said Uncle Joe, and he did. But for how long, not even he will vouch.

Mr. Cannon's cigars are not long and black, all cartonsists to the contrary notwithstanding. He uses the mildest market affords.

"Uncle Joe stopped smoking?" said one of his friends repeating the question today. "Certainly. He often switches from cigars to plug tobacco, and at that, I guess, he smokes less than the average woman of voting age."

PAY MILLION RUBLES FOR SINGLE CIGARETTE

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—American-made cigarettes now are on sale in the streets of Moscow for about 1,000,000 Soviet rubles each.

The Bolshevik ruble has been fluctuating to such an extent lately that it has been a common occurrence for dealers to hoist many articles, billions of rubles overnight. These were principally diamonds, gold and platinum jewelry, furs and other luxuries sought by speculators.

The quadrilateral and others with loads of the Soviet paper cash.

One day the ruble dropped to 25,000,000 and the next day it rose to 100,000,000. It then dropped to 100,000,000 and the next day it rose to 1,000,000,000.

During this period the street car fare on the Moscow tram was increased in one jump from 500,000 rubles to 1,000,000 for a single ride.

FORMER ST. LOUIS BREWER A SUICIDE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—William J. Lemp, 34, president of the William J. Lemp Brewing Company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery in the southern section of the city.

It was the third suicide in the family of the famous brewers, his father and a sister having taken their own lives.

The William J. Lemp Brewing Company just before the advent of prohibition, was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world.

Prominent Ship Chandler Dead.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 29.—Joseph A. Le Brun, one of the best known men in maritime shipping circles and world famous as a ship chandler, died today after a prolonged illness at his home here. He was 69 years old.

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JANE ADDAMS SEES U. S. TURNING TO LEAGUE

Head of International Body Tells of Misery Among Europe's Poor.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, who will begin in January a tour of the world to sound out opinion regarding means for bringing about economic reconstruction and peace, pointed out to interviewers today that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, over whose recent convention at The Hague she presided, had advocated having the league of nations call economic conferences. At such conferences, she urged, existing treaties could be wiped out and others created if such action were necessary to assure future stability.

Miss Addams expressed the hope that the United States might enter economic and armament discussions under the auspices of the league, saying incidentally she thought sentiment in favor of the league was growing in the United States.

Never during her travels, said Miss Addams, had she seen such misery among the poor as she had recently encountered in Europe, and she voiced the hope that the United States might take economic or other actions that would have the effect of relieving much of the distress and aiding in European revival. She thought, for one thing, the lifting of immigration restrictions so that at least children from Southeastern Europe might be admitted would be very helpful.

Miss Addams is going to Paris January 4 to see the French league of nations representatives, and possibly also the allied Premiers, then in conference in the French capital.

Big Seaplane Sinks at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 29.—A large seaplane, privately owned, and with a 14-passenger carrying capacity, sank near a dock here today after delivering seven passengers en route from Georgetown to this port.

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CAR STRIKES ENGINE; THREE PERSONS KILLED

WAYCROSS, GA., Dec. 29.—Three persons were killed and one seriously injured here last night when an automobile crashed into the engine of the Atlantic Coast Line train, No. 56 at the street crossing in the suburbs of the city. The dead: Matthew Tatum, 37; Isaiah Tatum, 24; and William Branch, 25.

Miss Constance Hemby, aged 16, who was also a passenger in the car, was seriously injured and taken to the Atlantic Coast Line hospital here. The train was moving toward Jacksonville, and according to railroad officials today, had crossed the street when the automobile collided with the engine of the tender. The car was completely wrecked.

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Vocal and Instrumental

1901, 75c—(A) THE THEM OF HIS GARMENT, sung by Homer Rodeheaver; (B) BETTER EACH DAY, sung by Homer Rodeheaver-Mrs. William Asher.

1902, 12-inch, \$1.50—(A) BELLA THE BELLE O'PENNOON; (B) THE SUNSHINE OF A BONNIE LASSIE'S SMILE, by Sir Harry Lauder.

1903, \$1.00—(A) NEATH THE SOUTH SEA MOON, sung by Lambert Murphy; (B) JAPANESE MOON, sung by Olive Kline.

1904, \$1.00—(A) APPLE BLOSSOMS, sung by Elsie Baker; (B) CUPID'S GARDEN, sung by Olive Kline.

1905, 75c—(A) PIANOFORTE; (B) KNICE AND KNIFTY, played by Roy Hargy.

1906, 75c—(A) MANISOT MARCH; (B) KILTIES MARCH, by Arthur Pryor's Band.

1907, 75c—(A) TWAS IN THE MONTH OF MAY; (B) CHINESE MILKENS, by International Novelty Orchestra.

Red Seal Selections

87351, \$1.25—ROMEO AND JULIET—JULIET'S WALTZ SONG, by Lucrezia Bori.

86103, \$1.25—MADOLINE, by Emilio De Gogorza.

74787, 12-inch, \$1.75—1 PURITANI—AIL, PER SEMPRE, by Giuseppe De Luca.

87350, \$1.25—SONGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME, by Geraldine Farrar.

74786, 12-inch, \$1.75—MADAME BUTTERFLY, by Amelita Galli-Curci.

66110, \$1.25—SUNSHINE DANCE, by Jascha Heifetz.

66111, \$1.25—TOSCA—VISSI D'ARTE, by Maria Jeriza.

66104, \$1.25—AUCASSIN AND NICOLETTE, Fritz Kreisler.

66112, \$1.25—MOTHER IN IRELAND, by John McCormack.

66109, \$1.25—THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, by John McCormack.

74780, 12-inch, \$1.75—LES PRELUDES, Part I, by Mengelberg and New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

74781, 12-inch, \$1.75—LES PRELUDES, Part II, by Mengelberg and New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

74788, 12-inch, \$1.75—HUNGARIAN RIAPSODY, No. 10, by Ignace Paderewski.

66106, \$1.25—MARCH OF THE CAUCASIAN CHIEF, by Stokowski and Philadelphia Orchestra.

66105, \$1.25—WALTZ AND ELFIN DANCE, by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

return to Constantinople has stirred

Lausanne and has served to emphasize the delicacy of the situation.

The impression now seems to exist among the allies that the deadlock will drag on until the Turks see how the reparations conference of the Premiers at Paris turns out.

Marquis Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary and head of the British delegation to the Near East peace conference, plans to leave Sunday for Paris, where he will remain until Tuesday for the purpose of conferring with Prime Minister Bonar Law in regard to the Near Eastern situation.

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